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Dear Mr. Chummar:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - June 2010  
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7  
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site  
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 44 for the period of June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 44**  
**June 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study**  
**Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property**  
**Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

**1. Work Performed**

- CRA continued the ongoing implementation of the Supplemental Phase II RI sampling activities consisting of investigation activities within the former Mill Buildings, Area 3A (former Sludge Dewatering and Quality Products Buildings) and Area 3B (former Specialty Minerals Building) that were initiated in May 2010. Work completed during the reporting period under this scope of work included the following:
  - Completion of soil boring installation activities within the former Mill Buildings and the collection of associated soil samples for laboratory analysis
  - Completion of groundwater sampling activities and collection of grab groundwater samples for laboratory analysis
  - Surveying of soil boring, test pit and temporary monitoring well locations installed during the May/June 2010 investigation activities
  - Abandonment of temporary monitoring wells within the Mill Buildings and Area 3A
  - Collection of a sample from the liquid investigation derived waste (IDW) for laboratory analysis for parameters specified by the City of Plainwell Wastewater Treatment Plant for wastewater characterization prior to discharge to the City of Plainwell sanitary sewer system
  - Discharge of approximately 900 gallons of liquid IDW to the sanitary sewer manhole located east of the former Sludge Dewatering Building under approval from the City of Plainwell
  - Removal of the roll-off box containing solid non-hazardous IDW by Waste Management for disposal off Site
  - Completed inventory of IDW for appropriate characterization and disposal

**2. Data Received**

- Portions of the data from the Phase II RI sampling activities conducted in January/February 2010 have been received and are currently undergoing quality assurance/quality control validation. The data will be tabulated and provided in future progress reports once this process is complete.
- Portions of the data from the Supplemental Phase II RI sampling activities conducted in May/June 2010 specific to Area 3A have been received and are undergoing quality

assurance/quality control validation. The data will be tabulated and provided in future progress reports and in an Area 3A Data Report (see below) once this process is complete.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules  
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- A memorandum is currently under development to document revisions to the scope of work for the former Mill Buildings and Areas 3A and 3B. The changes included revisions to soil boring locations due to unforeseen field conditions encountered during the May/June 2010 investigation.

**4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution**

- Break-ins and theft of copper from building electrical system components from inside the former Mill Buildings were discovered and reported to the City of Plainwell Police. The City of Plainwell Police was on Site to investigate on June 2, 2010. The City of Plainwell Police checked and secured the exterior doors of the former Mill Buildings and installed additional "No Trespassing" signage. The City of Plainwell Police occasionally patrols the area within the perimeter fence and routinely observes the former Mill Buildings from adjacent roadways.

**5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period**

- Submittal of memorandum (Phase II Sampling at the Plainwell Paper Mill - May - June 2010-Refusals and Eliminated Boring Locations) to the U.S. EPA summarizing the changes to the scope of work for the former Mill Buildings, Area 3A, and Area 3B
- Completion and submittal of Area 3A Data Report
- Initiate quality assurance/quality control validation of May/June 2010 laboratory analytical data as it is received
- Completion of appropriate characterization and disposal of remaining IDW

**6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period**

- Upon receipt of data for Area 3A, initiate discussions with U.S. EPA and the City of Plainwell regarding the City's proposed use of this portion of the Site for a new public safety complex

**7. Other Relevant Information**

- None